

REMARKS

Claims 32-37 are pending. Applicants have amended claim 32 to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respond to each of the Action's rejections in the order in which they are presented in the Action.

I. Section 112 Rejections Overcome

Claims 32-35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 32 to remove the recitations wherein R₂ is desosamine and *O*-megosamine and to remove the recitations wherein R₃ is *O*-cladinose and *O*-megosamine. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 32-37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 32 to remove the recitations "alternatives from the group: -CO-, -CH(OH)-, alkene -CH-, and CH₂)". Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants have amended claims 32, 33, 36, and 37 to replace the recitations "or a methylated derivative thereof" with the recitation of particular methylated derivatives, namely 2'-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-*bis-O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-*tris-O*-methyl rhamnose. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

II. Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment After Final and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance forthwith. Alternatively, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment After Final as narrowing the issues on appeal. Should the Examiner have any concerns regarding the foregoing, Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned, who may be reached at (919) 483-9024.

Respectfully submitted,

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